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Eva Dueck, left, and her husband Roy paddle their canoe past a flooded school yard in Chilliwack in January 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Man charged in school stabbing

HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

Police say no connection with students killed, injured

Charges have been laid against a homeless man in an apparently random high school attack that left a 13-year-old girl dead and her 14-year-old friend injured.

Sgt. Jennifer Pound of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team said Wednesday that 21-year-old Gabriel Klein has been charged with second-degree murder and aggravated assault in the stabbings that happened at an Abbotsford, B.C., high school a day earlier.

"Evidence suggests this attack was random," Pound said. "We do not believe the suspect has ties to the school, to the two girls, or to the Abbotsford community."

Police and school district officials say a barefoot man walked into the school and attacked two girls before staff confronted and restrained him.

While police haven't named the two girls, several students have identified the girl who died as Letisha Reimer.

Condolences poured in on social media, including on Letisha's own Facebook page, while her father, Ulrich Reimer, updated his profile picture with a selfie of himself and Letisha by a river.

Amsuman Nair was at the high school on Wednesday where a memorial of cards, flowers, notes and candles was growing. He was a friend of both girls.

"They used to be happy and always dancing around, having fun," Nair said. "But one of them is gone and it's hard to believe."

Nair said he was writing a math test when he heard screams coming from the hallway and his classroom went into lockdown.

Klein appeared in court on Wednesday and is expected to return Nov. 7.

Police said they knew little about the man. He didn't have a past criminal record and had no fixed address.

Pound said it's believed that Klein was from Alberta and she made a plea to anyone who may know him to call police.

Pound said the selfless actions of school staff who confronted the man likely prevented more people from being injured.

Abbotsford school district Supt. Kevin Godden also praised the school's staff for their actions.

"What I will say was in the middle of this horrific situation they stopped this individual, first by just yelling at him and then the staff converged on him and got him. The knife fell from his hands and they got him to take a seat while they held him in some restraint and then provided first aid to the students, who were obviously hurt."

Every school in the Abbotsford district locked all but one of its doors on Wednesday, in what Godden called a precautionary measure. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Two more otters rescued

WILDLIFE

The Vancouver Aquarium is holding a vote for their names

Wanyee Li
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One of two sea otter pups pops its head up in its new habitat at the Vancouver Aquarium. VANCOUVER AQUARIUM/CONTRIBUTED

It's sea-otter central at the Vancouver Aquarium these days. Two rescued pups arrived Tuesday to make for a total of six sea otters at the centre.

The nine-month old male and eight-month-old female were nursed back to health at the Alaska SeaLife Center but will now become permanent residents at the Vancouver Aquarium.

They are already making themselves at home, said marine mammal curator Brian Sheehan.

"We were pleasantly surprised at how well they acclimated themselves to the habitat that they're in right now," he said.

"The girl, she was really checking things out and trying to find out what kind of mischief she could get into."

The three adult sea otters, three-month-old Rialto, and the new pair live in separate enclosures that have linking doors.

The doors are closed for now but the animals can see, hear, and smell each other.

The long-term plan is to be able to open all the doors some day, said Sheehan.

"Socialization of the animals is really important," he said.

"We look for animals that will be compatible size wise and also from a personality disposition wise. Some animals tend to be more rambunctious than others."

When asked why there have been more rescued sea otters pups this year, Sheehan said researchers are not sure at this point.

"From a research point of view, we want to know why so many otters are stranding."

Lean years can mean more abandoned pups, he said.

"Sometimes mothers, if they determine that from a nutritional point of view or for other reasons, it's best to leave their pup and wait for [another] the following year, they'll just leave them."

Abandoned pups are deemed non-releasable because they do not have the skills to survive in the wild, he said.

The aquarium is hosting a vote to determine what to name the pups.

People can pick from three names for each otter online and the aquarium will announce the winning names on Nov. 17.

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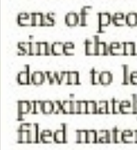
HOMELESS CAMP

City seeks injunction



Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The City of Vancouver is heading to court to shut down a Downtown Eastside homeless camp.

The encampment in the empty lot of 58 West Hastings St. has been there since July and has been home to dozens of people, including many who argue living in the tent city is preferable to shelters.

Since then, the campers and advocates have been successful getting Mayor Gregor Robertson to commit to building social housing at that location. Last month, the city unveiled its $70-million plan to create 250 units.

The camp has been at odds with the city since Oct. 25, when crews began confiscating tents and offering to move residents into shelters over sanitation and health concerns. The city says it has been able to move dozens of people out of the camp since then, with its population down to less than 10, from approximately 45. Now the city has filed materials in B.C. Supreme Court seeking an injunction to completely dismantle the camp.

In a statement to media, the city argues that conditions "have deteriorated to the point that it has become necessary for the City to take further action to ensure the safety and well-being of the dozen or so people who currently remain there."

Worsening weather is also a factor. The city says staff will assist people in finding shelter and moving their belongings and hope people leave peacefully.

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Emissions push not a 'job-killing carbon tax': Expert

ENVIRONMENT

Commission warms to cap on greenhouse gas production

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

A group of economists across the country, including two in British Columbia, have given their nod of approval to the federal government's Oct. 3 unveiling of a $10-a-tonne national price on greenhouse gas emissions rising to $50 by 2022.

But according to analysis by the Ecofiscal Commission published this week in Policy Options journal, unless the cost of carbon dioxide emissions goes up for much longer than that, it won't achieve its goal: slashing climate change-causing activities.

Nor can Canada cut its emissions if provinces are allowed to set their own rates, explained Ecofiscal chair Chris Ragan.

"What you don't want is a firm in one province moving to another province just because the carbon price is lower," he told Metro.

Another Ecofiscal commissioner said the outrage of premiers in Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland to the federal price would have been worse if Ottawa hadn't also offered to let provinces create their own mechanisms — and more importantly, keep the earnings.

"They're moving in right direction — but their pace is a little slow," said Simon Fraser University public policy professor Nancy Olewiler in a phone interview.

The economist said that our experience as the first province to test a tax should be a lesson to opponents warning of massive job losses and killed industries.

"What got killed?" she quipped. "Show me a job that disappeared here. Our economy has done at least as well if not better than the rest of Canada. As long as you have offsets for trade-exposed industries and relief for folks who can't adjust their carbon footprint, we're fine."

There has been controversy over B.C.'s own carbon tax introduced in July 2008.

A new report from the Washington, D.C.-based think tank Food and Water Watch criticized it as a "regressive" tax unfairly impacting lower-income people who spend relatively more of their incomes on carbon-intensive products such as heating and gasoline for transportation despite rebates sent to residents.

"The majority of the benefits of the rebate program have been shifted to businesses, not to individuals," according to the report.

B.C. hasn't even reduced its carbon footprint since introducing the tax — in fact, it's grown by four per cent — the report concluded, and pollution laws and regulations are a better way to rapidly curb greenhouse gases.

"I don't know any economists at all who actually think a regulatory approach is better than a carbon pricing approach," Ragan replied.

Show me a job that disappeared here. Our economy has done at least as well if not better than the rest of Canada.
Nancy Olewiler, on B.C.'s recently-implemented carbon price hike

Opponents of the tax who warn of massive job losses and damage to industries should look at B.C.'s example, says public policy professor and economist Nancy Olewiler. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

AQUACULTURE

Salmon farm bill advances in Ottawa

A bill banning Atlantic salmon in open-net British Columbia fish farms — backed by Star Trek actor William Shatner — has passed second reading in Ottawa.

Bill C-228, a private members bill from Port Moody-Coquitlam MP Fin Donnelly, will now be studied by a committee before a vote is expected Dec. 7.

Donnelly said that his bill would help improve that technology, and protect aquaculture jobs.

"In the last few years, you're getting more conclusive evidence from scientists that disease could cause a huge problem to our fisheries if it's to be proliferate," he said. "A well-established, much larger industry — commercial, recreational and First Nations fisheries — is being impacted by the aquaculture industry that's emerged.

"It's one industry against another. What I'm trying to propose is legislation that would allow for both to flourish."

Critics believe wild stocks have plummeted because of diseases transferred from open-containment pens. But an industry spokesman said Donnelly's bill would "kill" the B.C. sector and its 5,000 direct and indirect jobs.

> **Fin's bill will halt the expansion of harmful open net fish farming ... Wild salmon are a national treasure.**
> William Shatner

The BC Salmon Farmers Association's Jeremy Dunn added that current closed-net farm technology — whether on land or water — is only able to raise salmon that are far too small for market demand.

"If B.C. were to try an arbitrary policy like this, it would put a system in place that says, 'You can only grow salmon in this certain way,'" he said in a phone interview. "You'd kill the salmon industry here."

Canadian icon Shatner recently beamed into the debate over salmon farming in B.C. in support of the bill.

"Fin's bill will halt the expansion of harmful open net fish farming," Shatner said in a video posted to the New Democrat's Facebook page, "and transition current farms to safe, closed containment technology."

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REAL ESTATE

Home sales down 38% in Vancouver

Home sales plunged 38.8 per cent last month compared with October 2015, the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver says.

The board said 2,233 properties were sold in October of this year, down from the 3,646 home sales recorded in the same month last year.

Board president Dan Morrison said changing market conditions combined with a series of government interventions in the real estate market contributed to the decline.

"Potential buyers are taking a wait-and-see approach to try and better understand what these changes mean for them," he said in a statement Wednesday.

Both the B.C. and federal governments have brought in a number of measures to address soaring housing costs, particularly in Metro Vancouver.

Last month, the composite benchmark price for all residential properties in Metro Vancouver was $919,300 — a 24.8 per cent increase compared to October 2015, but a 0.8 per drop from September of this year.

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Warmer future needs sea gate, dikes, raised roadways

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Metro | Vancouver

From a sea gate at the mouth of False Creek to raising the seawall to retreating altogether from low-lying coastal areas, the City of Vancouver is exploring a range of options to anticipate future sea level rise.

"We haven't nailed down whether it's going to be a dike or adaptation or a combination of those two things, but the fact that sea level will rise, we know it's absolutely going to happen," said Doug Smith, director of sustainability for the City of Vancouver.

"It's just a question of whether it will be 50 years or 70 years or 150 years."

While many of the options presented at a Nov. 2 council meeting would be years in the future, the city is preparing to go ahead with one project in 2017: raising a portion of NW Marine Drive by adding three inches of asphalt, near the Sasamat intersection near Jericho Park.

That project will replace the sandbagging the city does every year to protect Jericho Park from potential King Tide flooding, which the city fears could reach into residential areas.

The province has forecasted a sea level rise of one metre by 2100 as warmer temperatures cause sea and land ice to melt. But oceanographer John Englander recently estimated sea levels could rise by 20 to 30 cm by 2050, said Tamsin Mills, senior sustainability specialist at the City of Vancouver.

The Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy has estimated that direct losses from river and coastal flooding could exceed $30 billion by 2100. In 2013, flooding in Calgary and Toronto cost insurers $3.2 billion.

City staff have identified five areas that are particularly vulnerable to flooding, which would likely happen with a combination of high winter tides, a storm and sea level rise.

Fraser River industrial lands, Jericho Park, Kitsilano Park, False Creek and Waterfront Road near the Seabus terminal are all at higher risk.

A sea gate (similar to the gate in place in the Thames River in England) is one option for False Creek, although it would cost up to $800 million and be the highest-maintenance choice.

Dikes and raising the seawall are other options for most of the locations identified, Mills said, with shoreline dikes estimated to cost $90 million to $160 depending on the location. Flood gates that can be installed on the doors of businesses, vents that can reduce the water pressure during a flood and putting stricter building regulations in place are other things being considered.

Retreating from an area gradually over time is another option, involving buying up properties over time. That strategy would eventually result in loss of land, Mills noted.

Kitsilano Pool is covered by flood water in December of 2012. COURTESY CITY OF VANCOUVER

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U.S. tours get pricier

MUSIC

America ups cost of work visas by 42%

Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Canadian musicians say they're reaching a breaking point with fees to tour the United States.

The U.S. upped the cost of work visas required to play south of the border by 42 per cent last week, from $325 to $460 US per person — turning something that is already unprofitable for many into a major burden.

"For 99 per cent of artists they go down to the States and they spend a whole bunch of money," said Striker guitarist Tim Brown.

He said he doesn't understand the motivation behind the move.

"If you look at it from an economic standpoint, a Canadian band going on tour in the States is going to generate a whole lot more money in America for Americans. We spend thousands of dollars on gas and hotels."

The American government also increased the amount of time it takes to issue the visa to perform there, from 90 days to 120 days. That's quadrupled from 18 months ago, when Brown said he could get one in 30 days.

"To me it's very evident that the system is at a breaking point now for musicians," Brown said.

Canadian musicians are reacting negatively to new visa fee requirements to travel south of the border. COURTESY AMY LEE ZINN

REFUGEES

Groups left in dark on Yazidi resettlement

More than a week after Ottawa announced it would bring in Yazidi refugees within four months, the community and its supporters are still waiting for details of Canada's resettlement plan.

"After a long period of silence, we were happy to see the Canadian government taking action. But they are keeping us in the dark," said Majed El Shafie, founder of Toronto's One Free World International, which has 300 aid workers in Iraq and Syria assisting Yazidi refugees.

"The government needs to be open and honest about how many they are bringing in, what the process is (for) choosing the refugees and how they are going to resettle them in Canada."

El Shafie, who came to Canada as a refugee from Egypt in 2002, was among 11 community groups and leaders who held a news conference Wednesday calling on the government to provide concrete targets and a timeline of its plan.

The Yazidis are a religious minority from northern Iraq and have been targeted by Daesh militants with rape, torture and murder.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Searchers honoured through Instagram

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

An Instagram storytelling project is finding beauty among the tragic stories of Winnipeg search and rescue efforts.

As a companion to a new National Film Board-sponsored documentary called this river, producers Katherena Vermette and Alicia Smith set out to tell the stories of those who comb Winnipeg's nooks and crannies, looking vigilantly for missing loved ones.

Members of the Bear Clan Patrol, who search by foot, and Drag the Red, who search along the rivers, are featured in a series of more than 80 photos and interviews, rolled out over two months on the Instagram page @WhatBringsUsHere.

"We really worked to take people inside kind of the very human experience of what it's like to have a missing family member and then the work that's born out of that — that sort of intense motivation for the need to just do something," said Smith, a Winnipeg-based National Film Board producer.

The photos, shot by Winnipeg's Janine Kropla, Mark Reimer and Karen Asher, alternate between depicting searchers in action and posing for portraits, paired with captions describing why they're motivated to keep looking for answers.

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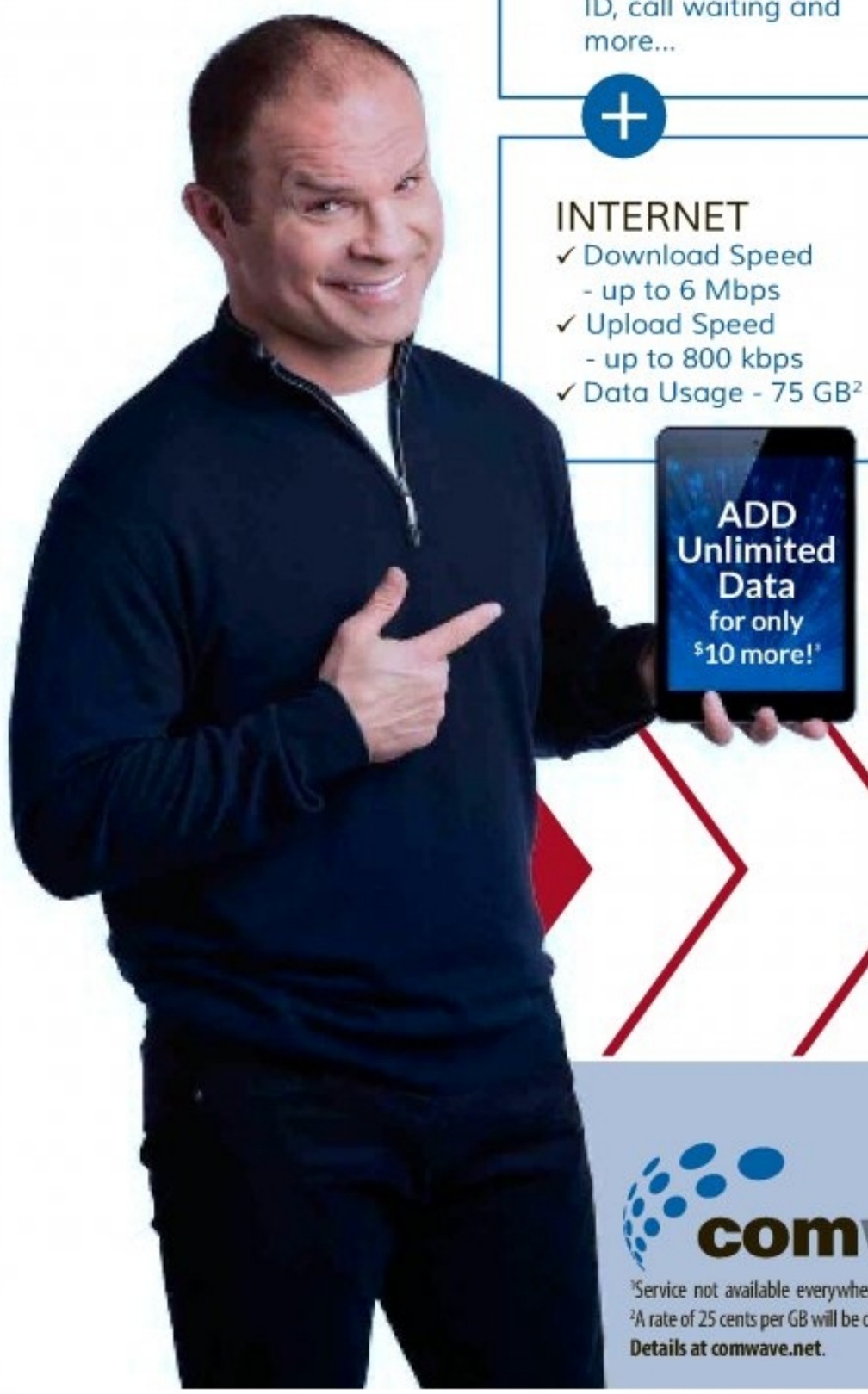

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U.S. Muslims cringing at portrayal

★U.S. ELECTION★

Many feel like they're being pigeonholed by both candidates

Many Muslim Americans cringe at the way they have been portrayed by candidates during the presidential campaign — either as potential terrorists or helping counterterrorism efforts.

Those descriptions, offered by Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, respectively, are troubling to Muslims who complain they are being pigeonholed and their concerns on other issues ignored.

"I think that there is some level of dismissiveness about Arab-Americans and American Muslims that allows candidates to talk about us, not really to us," said Omar Baddar, a political analyst and media producer based in Washington.

Chaumtoli Huq, a lawyer from the New York City suburb of Yonkers, agreed: "We're not able to talk about issues that impact us as citizens — education, jobs, things that any other voter would care about," she said. "It's a really demoralizing way to be seen to be part of this country."

One of the campaign's more memorable moments for Muslim Americans unfolded at the Democratic National Convention in July, when a grieving Khizr Khan addressed delegates about his son, Humayun, an American soldier who was killed in Iraq. The GOP candidate soon pushed back against Khan's anti-Trump comments, setting up an episode in which a presidential nominee criticized a military family that lost a loved one in a war zone.

That led to a widely retweeted comment from Brooklyn College professor Moustafa Bayoumi, who posted, "I'm a Muslim, and I would like to report a crazy man threatening a woman on a stage in Missouri." By the time the debate ended, his retort had been retweeted 32,000 times.

But Hillary Clinton did not escape censure from Muslim Americans, who said that the Democratic nominee's public remarks have primarily revolved around recognizing them for what they could do to support counterterrorism efforts.

Nour Eidy, a freshman at the University of Michigan, grew up in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn, which is heavily Arab and Muslim: "I don't know anything about terrorism. I don't know their game plans, their strategies," she said. "We're just as victimized by them as anybody else." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An unaccompanied migrant minor, from the demolished "Jungle" migrant camp in Calais, France, waves from a bus as he waits to be transferred to reception centres. Since Oct. 17, Britain has taken in slightly more than 300 Calais migrants, but France is pressing for more. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

FRANCE

1,600 migrants moved out of Calais

French authorities bused all unaccompanied children — 1,616 of them — out of Calais' sprawling migrant slum on Wednesday, taking them to special processing centres in one of the final steps to empty the camp in the English Channel city.

The underage migrants climbed into to 38 buses in a day-long operation that began just under a week after adult migrants were cleared out of the camp known as "the jungle" and sent to refugee centres around France.

In the government's final move, women and their children — slightly more than 300 people — in the Calais camp were to be transported to family centres on Thursday.

"Then there will be no one at the end of the day," said Steve Barbet, spokesman for the Pas-de-Calais region.

Last week's operation to evacuate and demolish the makeshift camp — whose population soared to more than 10,000 two months ago, aid groups said — was a mammoth logistical task rushed to completion after fires engulfed large swaths of the slum. Cleanup crews finished pulling down shelters Tuesday.

Two agents from the British Home Office travelled on each bus, said Barbet. They will study files of the underage migrants, who often have family members in the U.K., to see who might qualify for transfer to Britain.

The child migrants were taken to 60 dedicated centres scattered around France until British officials decide their cases. Those refused access to Britain will be put under the care of French child welfare services.

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NICARAGUA

President's wife behind popularity

On bright-pink billboards across the Nicaraguan capital, President Daniel Ortega looms triumphantly over motorists ahead of next Sunday's vote, where he's considered a shoo-in.

He's almost never alone in those ads: Accompanying Ortega is the smiling visage of his first lady, spokeswoman and now running mate, Rosario Murillo.

"That woman is the one who rules in the country," said fruit vendor Roberto Mayorga. "If 'the man' dies, she'll be there."

Murillo is beloved by many poor Nicaraguans and Sandinista faithful, consistently polling around 70 per cent approval.

She has represented Ortega overseas and spearheaded the installation of giant metal "trees of life" sculptures in the capital, a beautification campaign that opponents have criticized as costly but which many residents appreciate.

"She's become really the public face of the administration, and I think that's helped her popularity immensely," said Christine Wade, a political scientist at Washington College in Maryland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega and first lady Rosario Murillo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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STARBUCKS

Green cups brew up online outrage

Irene Kuan
Metro | Toronto

It's that time again, when Starbucks brings back its traditional holiday drinks. This year, the company released a limited-edition green cup, not meant to be a Christmas cup but a "community cup," which seems to have offended some people.

In a press release, Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz calls it "a divisive time in our country" and says the coffee giant wanted to come up with a symbol to serve "as a reminder of our shared values."

The green cup seems to have sparked some negative reactions on social media. Some people were simply upset the cup wasn't red or festive feeling enough, while others accused the company of politicizing coffee.

Starbucks released the cup just one week before the U.S. election, and says it is meant to be a "symbol of unity."

The design, which features a mosaic of more than 100 people, including a barista and a farmer, was created by artist Shogo Ota and is currently available at U.S. locations.

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VICKY MOCHAMA ON AN OVERLOOKED ELECTION BATTLE

There's a big ideological divide that has yet to be talked about: Scorpio vs. Gemini. With some voters undecided, why not consult the stars?

Great forces are battling each other this election season: Republican against Democrat, billionaire against millionaire, Darth Vader vs. Princess Leia.

Polls give Clinton a comfortable lead but the race may yet tighten. As Americans make their big decision, there's a big ideological divide that has yet to be talked about: Scorpio vs. Gemini.

A lot has been said about the clash of these titans but until now, this essential difference has been missed. With some voters still undecided, why not consult the stars? For some, politics is like the Superbowl: It's a thing that happens on one day and you don't have to pick a team until then.

According to the New York Times (a Virgo), Trump is status-obsessed, scattered and volatile. In other words, he's a classic Gemini.

Game recognize game. I know a fellow Gemini when I see one.

Trump was born in the middle of the Gemini star sign on June 14, 1946.

ANI CASTILLO/FOR METRO

If Clinton wins, it will be a historic moment: Not only would she be the first female president, but a Scorpio hasn't had their claws in the Oval Office since Warren G. Harding nearly a hundred years ago.

Geminis have many excellent traits: We are energetic, imaginative, clever, and witty. For example, remember when Donald Trump joked Megyn Kelly had "blood coming out of her wherever" after she moderated one of last year's 70,000 Republican debates? Remember how deeply you laughed at his cleverness and wit? We Geminis are often very humorous.

Still, Geminis like Trump and I are not without faults. We're often impulsive. I recently booked a tropical vacation because I was tired and it seemed like a good idea, I guess. Similarly, Donald Trump seems to have decided to run for president because a reporter from BuzzFeed goaded him into it. We both had good ideas.

With her resourcefulness, secretiveness and giant pincer claws, Clinton is a true Scorpio. The Llewellyn Encyclopedia, a compendium of all things New Age, says the biggest problem for Scorpios is their "ability to cause trouble." Secretary Clinton must regret ever learning to press "send" on an email. It's been downhill ever since.

Clinton has explained her cautious public persona is a result of being a woman breaking down the walls of a man's world. But a quick glance at the night sky shows that actually, Scorpios are secretive and reserved, which is definitely more plausible. If Clinton wins, it will be a historic moment: Not only would she be the first female president, but a Scorpio hasn't had their claws in the Oval Office since Warren G. Harding nearly a hundred years ago.

The skies have always played an important role in presidential elections, despite what the experts, statistics and plain common sense might say.

After all, the zodiac sign to win the most elections is pleasant, humanitarian Aquarius, which includes Abraham Lincoln. And he kept the country together.

It's all in the stars.

What the horoscopes have in store for Nov. 8

When it feels as if nothing makes sense anymore — U.S. politics anyone? — many people look to the divine and the celestial for guidance. Metro asked astrologist Julie Simmons to read her star chart and tell us what the stars, sun and planets predict about what kind of day Hillary Clinton (a Scorpio) and Donald Trump (a Gemini) will have on Tuesday — Election Day. We're also printing an advance peek at our own Tuesday horoscopes by Francis Drake. Take from them what you will.

Julie Simmons (juliesimmons.ca)

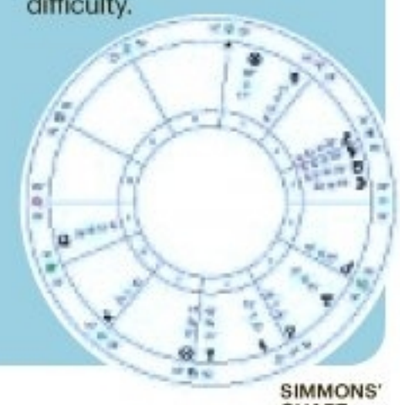
CLINTON HOROSCOPE

Hillary is very Scorpio. She has what astrologers called fixed energy. She digs in, she's hard to overthrow, she's resolute. But she's very, very power-oriented. Coming up in December-January, Saturn will be squaring Hillary's moon. That means she's depleted and tired. It's not the aspect of a win. Now, she's no slouch. She's got a very powerful chart. A Scorpio is always good at reconstruction. Interestingly, neither of them has any earth in their chart. Earth is the element of being practical and down-to-earth.

BOTTOM LINE: It's hard, astrologically, to look at this election, because my personal wish is stronger than usual. Trump really scares me. However, if I just look at the astrological chart, Trump looks more like a winner.

TRUMP HOROSCOPE

He's a Gemini. He's a trickster. He doesn't seem to mean anything he says. Jupiter is the planet of luck. And when Trump was born he had Jupiter shining his sun. That's a good position. It means he projects himself and gets people to listen, even though he's speaking out of both sides of his mouth. He has charisma. He gets away with it. And Jupiter up in the sky (now) is in that place, where Trump gets away with it. But if he wins, he will go through a tremendous amount of difficulty.



SIMMONS' CHART

Metro's Francis Drake

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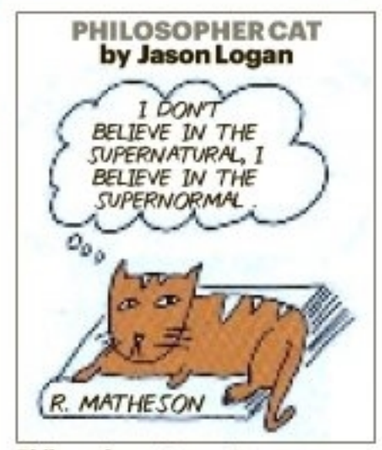

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'I'm controlling this one'

INTERVIEW

Singer opens up about anxiety, eating disorder, 1D juggernaut

If he wasn't a singer, he would have gone to college to study English or worked as a songwriter and producer for other artists, writes Zayn Malik in his self-titled autobiography. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Since he left One Direction, Zayn Malik has been public with his battle with anxiety. But the singer also says he was struggling with even more behind-the-scenes — a possible eating disorder.

Malik made the revelation in his new autobiography Zayn, out Tuesday via Penguin Random House, and also discussed it in an interview with The Associated Press.

"When I look back at the images of myself from around November 2014, before the final tour, I can see how ill I was," the 23-year-old writes in the book, calling it an "eating disorder."

In an interview Friday, Malik explained that he was so busy on the road, he would forget to eat.

"I realized that I wasn't eating as much ... our schedule was kind of crazy so we were all over the place," he said.

"It was just more down to losing track of, you know, actually eating and being super busy and getting caught up with other things that 17 or 18-year-olds do, which normally entails them going out, drinking or partying, so it was a mixture of everything," he said.

However, looking back on it now, he now downplays the seriousness of it all: "I don't think I ever had an eating disorder. I was never diagnosed with one of them." Explaining that he would miss meals while in 1D, he now is better managing his eating: "I'm a bit older and a bit more wiser."

In the book, his prologue is dedicated to 1D and the phenomenal success the group achieved in a short time — selling out stadiums, winning countless awards, releasing back-to-back hits and platinum-plus albums.

"I'm massively grateful for the opportunity to be in that group," he said of the pop group, formed in 2010 on The X Factor in the United Kingdom. "It was a wicked part of my life."

Still, he bolted from the group because he felt lost and needed time to collect his thoughts. He yearned to sing songs in a different style and write his own lyrics.

"What you've got to understand is that none of us really had much say in the music," he writes.

When asked if he's still friends with his former band mates, he told the AP: "Yeah we're talking — some of us are."

Has he heard Niall Horan's solo single? "I have, yes," he said. "Yeah, it's cool."

Malik's solo album, Mind of Mine, bowed earlier this year and veered into more R&B territory. It debuted at No. 1, but Malik wasn't prepared for solo stardom, even cancelling performances because he said he was too anxious. In June, he bowed out of his performance at the Capital Summertime Ball in London at the Wembley Arena, where he previously performed with 1D.

"I felt sick. I couldn't breathe," he writes about the morning of the show. "The idea totally freaked me out and I was paralyzed with anxiety."

Malik said he now is able to cope with it, though he declined to offer specifics to the AP.

"I don't really disclose that information, like publicly, what I do to manage certain things, but I do the things that are required," he said.

While he details some of his difficulties in the book, don't expect a juicy tell-all: he rarely mentions former fiancé, Little Mix member Perrie Edwards, and doesn't talk about current girlfriend Gigi Hadid.

Still, there are some insights for Malik fans: He writes that if he wasn't a singer, he would have probably gone to college to study English or worked as a songwriter and producer for other artists.

As he reflected on his time in 1D and leaving the group, then releasing his own album and No. 1 hit, Pillowtalk, Malik said he's happy.

"I'm great actually at the moment," he said from a studio in Los Angeles, where he's recording his second solo album. "The anxiety obviously came from just the performance aspect of things, just not really understanding what that was going to be like as a solo performer."

He also felt that being in 1D was a juggernaut he couldn't quite handle. "That machine was already going, it was at 100 miles per hour and it was harder to get off that machine," he said. "I'm controlling this one."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Tracey Ullman is back in fine form

THE SHOW: Tracey Ullman's Show, Season 1, Episode 2
THE MOMENT: The tour guide

"We believe that a middle-aged Henry got to know a young Anne Boleyn on this very bed," an historic-home guide (Tracey Ullman) tells visitors. "He'd have had little trouble finding female company on those long nights away at the conference."

The visitors glance at one another. The guide winces but soldiers on: "It wasn't until 1532 that Henry was able to divorce his fiercely loyal but age appropriate wife. It's unlikely she ever got the whole truth. But if it was just business, why was the wine marked 'room service?'"

"Did they marry?" a visitor asks.

"Yes," the guide answers. "Even those who expressed their disapproval quickly swapped their allegiance for that little sl—." She stops herself, barely.

"Wasn't Anne—," begins a guest. "Beheaded! Lopped clean off!" the guide roars. "That would teach her, wouldn't it?"

She turns to exit the room. "Let's move on, shall we? Let's just try to move on."

Ullman is back in fine form with this sketch show, which intersperses recurring characters with one-offs like this.

The sketches are unevenly funny, but they're fascinating, thanks to Ullman's acute observations of the way people like this guide speak and move, and the soft spots they're unaware of that make them who they are.

She has especial fun with Judi Dench, who uses her "national treasure" status to vandalize her way around London; and Angela Merkel. "Don't make the hair too poufy," her Merkel intones in a flat German ak-zent, "or the other leaders will be wild with lust."

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Tracey Ullman takes on a number of characters in her new television show. CONTRIBUTED

Questioning 'the right to write about racism'

FICTION

Jodi Picoult stands behind pushing more racial dialogue

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

If there's one word to describe author Jodi Picoult, it's fierce.

The bestselling author of 23 books has never been one to shy away from hot-button topics such as sexual abuse, school shootings and assisted suicide.

But there was one issue that eluded Picoult for 25 years. How do you talk about racism in a world seemingly just waking up to the fact that privilege and opportunity are connected to skin colour? And whose story is it to tell? That's the challenge behind Picoult's new novel, Small Great Things.

Picoult's books always start with the issue at hand, what she refers to as "the thing that keeps me up at night."

Her first attempt at writing on racism was inspired by a news piece about an African American undercover cop who was shot by a white co-worker.

"I totally failed. I couldn't write authentic characters or voice," she says. Picoult began doubting whether this was even her story to tell in the first place. "Do I really have the right to write about racism? "

It wasn't until 2012, when Picoult read a story about an African American nurse who was told by her hospital administration that she could not care for a newborn baby at the request of the child's white-supremacist parents, that she found her way in.

She imagined an emergency situation in which the nurse would be forced to take care of the child, which would lead to an arrest.

Small Great Things unravels the courtroom story from three perspectives: Ruth, the accused nurse; Turk, a staunch white supremacist; and Kennedy, a public defender who has her own complicated personal response to the scenario.

Picoult spent three years with "sensitivity readers". "I should not and would not have written the book without women of colour guiding me," Picoult said.

She met with two former white supremacists to better understand Turk, who she calls the most challenging character.

Most importantly, Picoult realized to whom she needed to address her novel.

"I was writing to people who look like me. I know how easy it is to point to a skinhead and say, 'that's a racist,' rather than point to yourself," she says.

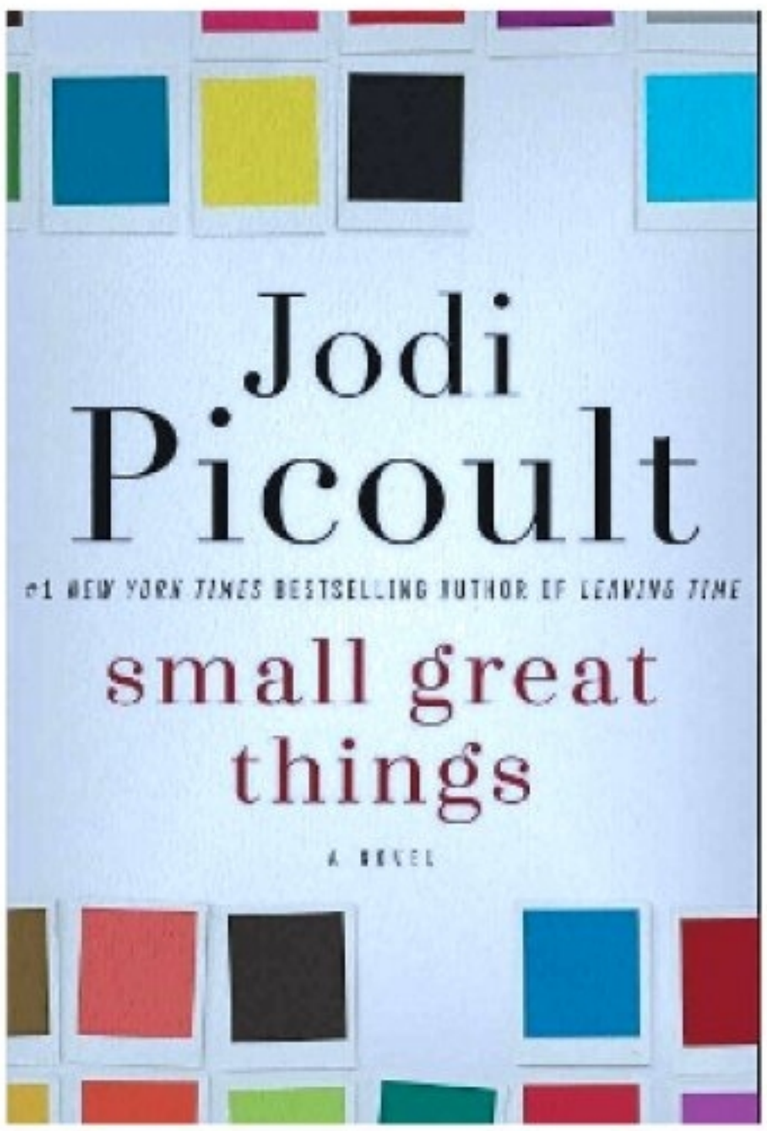
"I want people to tap into the privilege that they've had, and force them to admit the fact that racism isn't just about prejudice. You could take every skinhead and ship them off to Mars and you'd still have racism, because it's about power."

Picoult knows now that Small Great Things is out in the world she can't control the rhetoric surrounding it (she's already received harassing tweets from white supremacists).

But she holds strong in her conviction that more dialogue is the only way to move forward.

"I think that one of the biggest hurdles we have to face is that we will make mistakes when we talk about race. It's more important to talk about it and know that, and say, 'I'm so sorry. Thanks for educating me.'"

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



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Brewery District's scenic views

THE COLUMBIA IN NEW WESTMINSTER

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Project overview

Rising 26-storeys, The Columbia in New Westminster offers beautiful scenic views of the Fraser River from the private balconies of several homes. With a mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom homes ranging in size from 515 to more than 1,000 square feet, residents can enjoy vibrant community living without the major cost.

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GARDENING

Moving your winter harvest indoors

There's no reason to stop growing vegetables just because cold weather has arrived. Sun-loving edibles can be cultivated indoors in containers enriched by supplemental LED lights.

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"The amount of money and work it takes depends upon your expectations," said Tuan Bettes, a horticulture agent with Utah State University Extension. "You won't achieve (indoors) what you would in sunlight."

Lettuces, leafy greens, sprouted seeds, radishes, carrots and herbs are among the easiest plants to grow indoors in winter. They tolerate cooler temperatures and limited light. They also mature quickly, and many, like chives and parsley, don't grow tall.

Small fruited or dwarf varieties of tomatoes and peppers also will produce in basement gardens when exposed to the proper lighting. Be prepared to help pollinate your tomato plants, though. Shake them occasionally to release the pollen.

Help avoid plant pests by segregating vegetable containers from houseplants.

"Never put patio plants next to vegetables," Bettes said. "That's a good way to introduce aphids and scale insects."

Many people take the hydroponic approach to indoor gardening by designing their own systems or by buying any number of high-tech soil-free containers with full-spectrum grow lights attached. Plants grow naturally and faster — up to five times faster — in the ideal climate created by water reservoirs and LED lighting systems, said Ben Gill, a spokesman for AeroGro International Inc., manufacturers of a line of indoor gardens in Boulder, Colorado. "There's no dirt," Gill said. "That makes it a clean way to grow on benches or countertops."

Many of these small hydroponic growing kits can be had in a single package: container, lights, nutrients and pre-seeded plant pods.

"They're one-stop shopping," Gill said. "Just add water and you've got everything you need to start." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLENDING
The 'new traditional' includes the blending of traditional forms — like wing chairs — with modern materials and treatments

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Blending classics with the modern

DECOR

Forget matched sets, the new 'traditional' is contemporary

In decor, "traditional" tends to conjure up images of matched furniture sets, prim patterns and buttoned-up formality.

But there's been a revamp, and what's now being called "new traditional" is a fresher, freer look that honours the classics. The style blends traditional architectural and decorative elements with contemporary ones for unexpected, sometimes edgy results.

"It's all about balance," said New York interior designer Alexa Hampton.

She said the trend started in Europe, where older residences "are often filled with ornate architecture: herringbone floors, intricate plaster work, French doors. With heavy decoration, these architectural bones can seem fussy." That led to an "undecorated" movement — white walls, furniture with sharp angles, minimalism.

"I think this foil of old and new is essential to good design," she said. "The conversation between modern and classic creates a tension, and when done right, it's very powerful."

Moldings, shelving and good hardware can give a space a traditional or contemporary "frame" to which contrasting elements can be added.

"If my architecture's very traditional," said Hampton, "I might do an unexpected wall treatment like high-gloss lacquer."

Likewise with furniture and accessories, "It's nice to combine a more curved traditional piece with a sexy and sleek cocktail table."

The European Fine Art Fair, the art and antiquities version of Fashion Week, was held in New York in October, and Hampton saw pieces she said could be incorporated into a contemporary space.

A bold, Grecian, gold-and-black amphora, for instance, caught her eye; although it's an ornate piece, it could play up the drama in a small space, particularly atop a modern table.

San Francisco interior stylist Jessica Sutton suggests using a neutral colour palette and incorporating a mix of rustic, contemporary, even industrial pieces to bring the New Traditional look home.

"Keep the style fresh by incorporating classic patterns like florals in modern ways — an abstract rug, or an upholstered pillow," she said.

Retailers are featuring the look this season.

French designer Bina Baitel has used the classic mouldings of Paris' Haussmann architecture as inspiration for cabinet doors, but tilted the motifs to create the visually striking Astragale armoire and console.

Bernhardt's Salon collection includes a traditional etagere given an alabaster finish, and a curvy nightstand clad in silver leaf. The Haven collection pares down traditional English classics like wingchairs and dining tables to their essential forms.

British designer Andrew Martin has a collection of wingback chairs upholstered in combinations of leather and ticking, or leather with a pieced metal frame. A lounge chair pairs a distressed leather seat with a kilim-clad frame. Mixing materials brings the traditional chair shapes fashion-forward.

Audrey Sterk, a designer on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts, presents a fresh take on early American quilt florals and 19th century silk-screen patterns in her wallpaper and fabrics, editing the motifs to their essential elements and using a contemporary colour palette.

At Candelabra, the classic silhouette of a Louis XVI chair is cast in silver- or gold-toned stainless steel and given elongated legs, creating a sleek barstool. Curvy, polished silver legs and an especially long - 72-inch — sliver of marble make for a showstopper of a console.

And finally, at Made Goods, there's a Beaux Arts mirror with its exaggerated furbelows rendered in dramatic black tin, and a wing chair cast in hammered black or gold iron with upholstered seat. They're heavy metal remixes of classical favourites.

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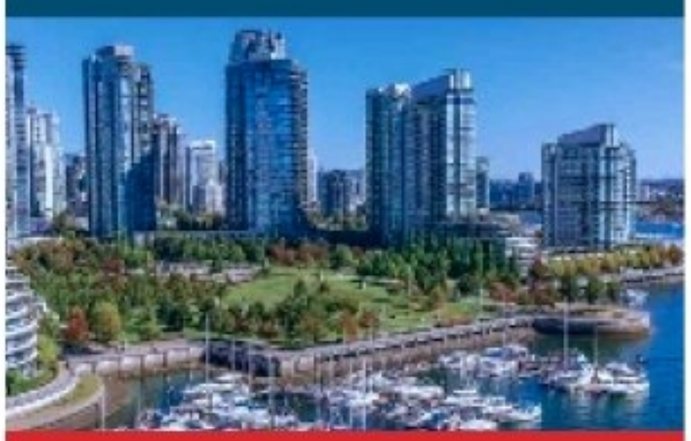

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DIY pet beds should be cosy, safe

PROJECTS

Customize to reflect style of home, owner personality

There are as many ideas for do-it-yourself pet beds as there are kinds of pets. Projects range from simple sewing patterns to complex woodwork.

But the goal is a safe, customized bed that suits the pet, so that "your furry family members have a cosy place to curl up," says Camille Smith, website managing editor for the home design channel HGTV.

On the fancier side, some old vintage items lend themselves to eye-catching pet beds. Search your attic for a bulky old television from the pre-flat-screen era, for instance, or a boxy computer monitor once used for accessing MySpace. Remove the screen and gut the inside. Line the box with fabric and add a pillow so your cat or small dog can snuggle up inside.

Most pet-bed projects, however, don't require you to track down hard-to-get items.

Many online tutorials suggest reclaiming a vintage dresser drawer and filling it with a cushion. Woodworker Scott Lavigne came up with a plan to build a custom drawer from scratch for his dog.

"I'm a builder just by nature," says Lavigne, founder of the blog sawsonskates.com. Creating a sleep space for his lhasa apso was a labour of love.

"It's essentially just building a simple box," he says; even those inexperienced at woodworking could likely accomplish it in a weekend. By changing the size of the pieces of wood used, his drawer project can easily be adapted for large dogs. Detailed instructions are on his blog.

Design blogger Kelly Mindell, creator of StudioDIY.com, customized and revitalized an old dog bed by ironing on emoji shapes that she cut out of iron-on fabric.

"A huge part of the DIY movement is the ability to adapt and customize an idea to reflect your own personality or needs," Mindell says.

"Since emojis are all made of simple shapes like circles, half-moons and hearts, it's easy to take the concept and change it as desired."

Homemade pet beds can be practical alternatives to store-bought ones.

"Dog beds are not inexpensive," says Lavigne, who designed his project to fit a standard bed pillow, which can be tossed in the washing machine when necessary.

A DIY pet bed also can be made to match the style of your home.

"For small dogs and cats, you can even upcycle an existing piece of furniture to create a side table that does double duty as a snug spot for curling up," says Smith.

Lavigne's project can be adapted by using different paint or stain colours, or choosing to distress the wood for a "shabby chic" look.

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Kelly Mindell of StudioDIY.com transformed a large, plain yellow pillow with iron-on fabric pieces cut into shapes to make up the emoji face. JEFF MINDELL/STUDIODIY.COM VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

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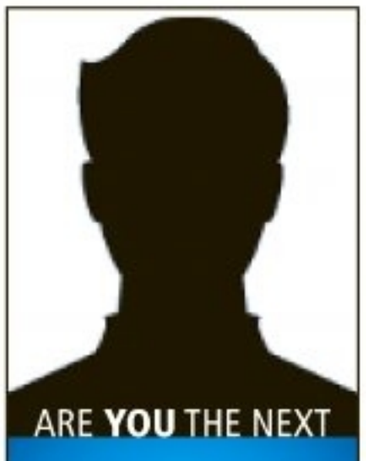

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The Chicago Cubs celebrate after beating Cleveland in 10 innings in Game 7 of the World Series on Wednesday night.
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Cubs lay goat to rest

MLB PLAYOFFS

Chicago team wins its first World Series since 1908

GAME 7 In Cleveland

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Mike Montgomery retired Michael Martinez for the final out with a runner on in the 10th inning, and the Chicago Cubs ended baseball's longest championship drought by beating the Cleveland Indians 8-7 in Game 7 of the World Series.

The Cubs won their first championship since 1908, becoming the first team to rally from a 3-1 deficit by winning Games 6 and 7 on the road since the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1979.

Ben Zobrist doubled in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning, and Miguel Montero added an RBI single to make it 8-6. Rajai Davis singled home a run in the bottom half off Carl Edwards Jr. before Martinez grounded out against Montgomery to end it.

The game included a 17-minute rain delay before the 10th inning.

Davis tied it at 6-6 with a two-run homer in the eighth off closer Aroldis Chapman, helping Cleveland erase a 5-1 deficit.

Cleveland still has not won a World Series since 1948. Ace Corey Kluber allowed four runs in four-plus innings, failing in his attempt to become the first pitcher to win three starts in one Series since 1968 MVP Mickey Lolich for Detroit.

Fans were already packed into Wrigleyville in Chicago, and a late-night party was getting underway.

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NHL

Price and Habs shut out Canucks

Carey Price made 42 saves for his first shutout of the season as the NHL-best Montreal Canadiens beat the Vancouver Canucks 3-0 on Wednesday night to extend their winning streak to eight games.

Nathan Beaulieu, Torrey Mitchell and Alexander Radulov, into an empty net, scored for Montreal (9-0-1), the only team still undefeated in regulation time. Alex Galchenyuk and Brendan Gallagher each had two assists.

WEDNESDAY In Montreal

3	0
CANADIENS	CANUCKS

Price was brilliant throughout, making keys saves look easy to keep the Canucks at bay. The Habs goalie made more than 40 saves for the first time this season. His previous high this year was 38.

"The first half of the game we deserved a better fate," said Canucks head coach Willie Desjardins. "Maybe the guys were shooting a little too fine, knowing who was in net. They thought they had to be perfect on their shots.

"I believe if we play like that every night, we'll win our share of games."

Ryan Miller stopped 19 of 21 shots for the Canucks (4-5-1), who are now winless in their last six games. Montreal improved to 7-0-1 in their last eight home games against Vancouver.

The Canucks are on a bad stretch since winning their first four games of the year going 0-5-1 in their last six and have been outscored 21-7 over that stretch.

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IN BRIEF

Madrid scores late goal to draw with Legia Warsaw

Real Madrid needed a late goal to salvage a humbling 3-3 draw at struggling Legia Warsaw in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Madrid looked set to romp to another big win after Gareth Bale netted an amazing opener from distance in the match's first minute, but Madrid's slack defence let Legia rally back in stunning fashion.

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Raptors ride DeRozan's hot hand to win over Wizards

DeMar DeRozan continued his hot start by scoring 40 points and outduelling John Wall in a showcase of all-star guards as the Toronto Raptors beat the winless Washington Wizards 113-103 on Wednesday night.

DeRozan was 14 of 23 from the floor and has now scored at least 32 points in each of the Raptors' (3-1) first four games this season.

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 sweet potato, cut into pieces
- 2 cups quartered Brussels sprouts
- 1 tbsp olive oil plus two teaspoons
- 1 head cauliflower
- 1 tbsp salt, plus 2 teaspoons
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta
- 1 pat of butter
- 4 eggs

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400. In a bowl, toss the sweet potato and Brussels sprouts with 2 tsps olive oil and 1/2 tsp salt. Spread out on a pan and roast until golden brown.

2. Cut cauliflower into small florets and pulse in food processor until they are broken into cous cous-sized granules.

3. Heat a skillet over medium heat and add 1 tbsp oil. Add cauliflower to the pan and sprinkle with remaining salt. Add cumin and stir. Cook until the cous cous is tender, about 4 to 5 minutes. Take off heat and set aside.

4. Place butter in frying pan over medium heat and add four eggs. Remove eggs from pan once the whites are set and the yolks are cooked to your preference.

5. Mix together and sprinkle with feta, top with eggs.

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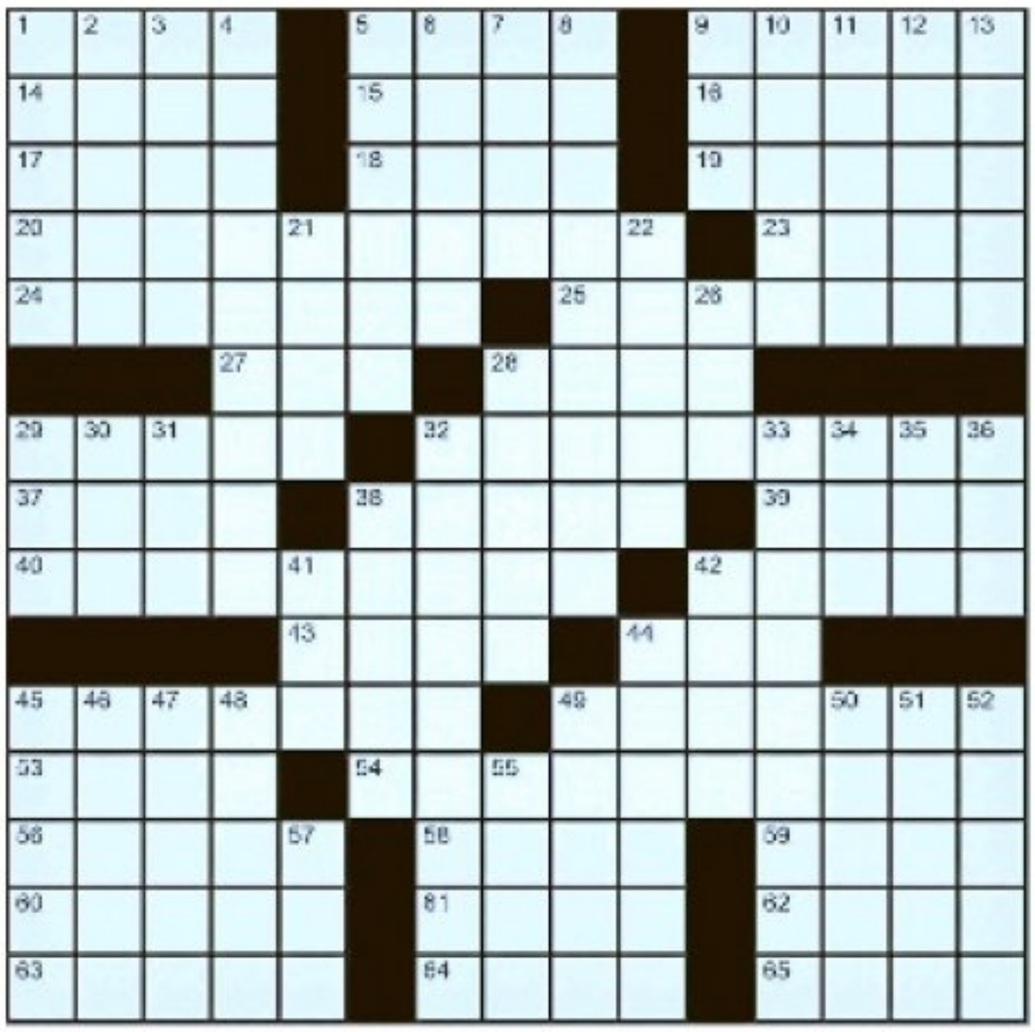

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1. Composed
5. __ up (Support)
9. Throbs
14. Margarine
15. Diner side order
16. Will, fancy-style
17. Ken of "thirty-something"
18. "Tell me __ haven't heard before!"
19. Sorta
20. People to look up to: 2 wds.
23. Diving bird
24. 'The Town of Friendly People' in the South Georgian Bay area of Ontario
25. Serving soup
27. Yo-Yo or Slinky
28. Read: French
29. Canadian actor Raymond's
32. Cake decorator's tool: 2 wds.
37. Largest continent
38. Garbage spots
39. Shield's centre knob
40. Acadian dish of grated potatoes: 2 wds.
42. Hemmed-and-__ (Hesitated)
43. Deeply absorbed
44. Furrow
45. Ironer's target
49. Sticky forest resin: 2 wds.
53. Santa __, California
54. Column-like formation rising from a cavern's floor
56. Perform off-the-cuff
58. Twofold
59. Many times: 2 wds.
60. Vex
61. Segment
62. Ms. Horne
63. Carried
64. Mr. Preminger
65. Figure skating jump

DOWN
1. Beer brand, __ Light
2. Dispense
3. Priestess in Georges Bizet opera The Pearl Fishers
4. Movie of 1965 in which Canadian actor Glenn Ford stars as a policeman with financial problems, with The: 2 wds.
5. "Feh!"
6. Holidaying human's hope: letter + word + letter
7. "__ where wide the golden sunlight flows..." - Richard Watson Gilder
8. Ryan of "Gosford Park" (2001)
9. Inquire
10. Cool down
11. Vietnam's capital
12. American Gothic city in Iowa
13. Gnarly! instead of Great!, for instance
21. Followers of H-I-J-K-Ls
22. Draped dresses
26. Lair
28. Boundary
29. Saloon
30. G7 member
31. Mr. Torn
32. Casey and Finnegan: 2 wds.
33. Central American nation
34. Since-1916 car co.
35. Mr. Vigoda
36. Deity
38. Bargains
41. Bug
42. __ jury
44. __ Bridge (1500s-built oldest crosser of Venice's Grand Canal)
45. Blanketed, to a Bard
46. __ Drive (Swanky street in Beverly Hills)
47. Small island
48. Green
49. S'il vous __ (Please)
50. Proctor __ (Kitchen appliance company)
51. Make amends
52. Bloom bit
55. Kyle Richards, to Paris Hilton
57. __ of lettuce

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Continue to focus on matters related to shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt, because this is what you need to sort out. You also have practical ideas about this.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will need more rest now because during this time of year, you are tired. Nevertheless, discussions with others will be lively and dynamic. Look for ways to improve your job.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
At this time, you are setting high standards for yourself because you want to be efficient, productive and effective in everything you do. With this winning attitude, you can't lose!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Make sure you take time for the arts, sporting events and playful activities with children, because this month you want to enjoy yourself. It's perfectly OK to put yourself first.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Home, family and your private life continue to be your focus now. Act on practical ideas about making repairs where you live.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Short trips and discussions with others will create a busy schedule. In addition, many of you are reading, writing and studying more than usual.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your focus is on money, earnings and cash flow, but you also are wondering about your basic values in life. Essentially, the question is: What really matters?

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
With the Sun in your sign now, you easily attract people and favorable situations. Make the most of this, because it isn't always this easy.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Work alone or behind the scenes, because this will suit you now. Avoid shopping today for anything other than food or gas.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are popular now. Not only will you be involved with friends, but group activities will also place demands on you. People are willing to help.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You look good in the eyes of others, especially bosses, VIPs and parents. Knowing this, you can make your pitch and ask for what you want.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Grab every chance to travel that comes your way now, because you need a change of scenery. If you can sign up for a course or pursue further studies, this will please you as well.

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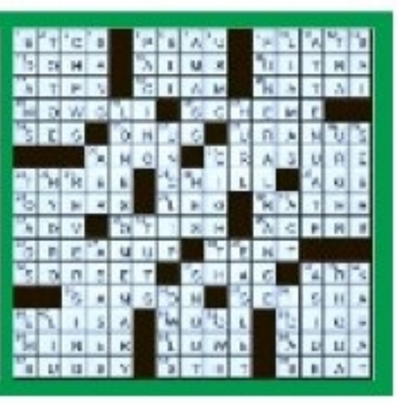

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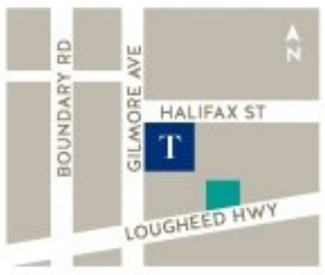

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